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chance to vote up or down. If the Senate wants to turn it down, that is the Senate's prerogative. If the Senate approves the nomination, it will do so without my vote. I do not intend to delay it and, as I said in my caucus on two occasions, I do not expect this to be a partisan matter.

I think I have said all I need to say. Mr. BAKER. Mr. President, the Senator has said a great deal. I am very grateful. I think I should say in return that I do not wish to proceed with my previously announced intention of going to the Adelman nomination on Monday. If indeed there is a chance, as the minority leader suggests, that we can work out a time certain to take it up and a time in which debate will occur, then a time for the vote up or down, it is certainly worth our time to pursue that. I would like to retract the statement I made earlier that we shall proceed to Adelman Monday. It is my hope, however, that we can do it next week. I can assure the minority leader that I shall be most cooperative in trying to work that out if possible.

Mr. BYRD. If the majority leader will yield—

Mr. BAKER. Yes, Mr. President, I yield.

Mr. BYRD. I had heard early on that there might be some inclination on the part of a Senator or some Senators to filibuster the nomination. I shall do all I can in discussing with those Senators that there be no filibuster on the nomination. Hopefully, they will be of such a mind as I am, that we ought to set the time for the debate and vote. The majority leader is always very lenient and considerate of the minority in regard to time required. If my colleagues want 6 hours, or 8, or 2, or 4, I shall be happy to present this proposal to the majority leader. I shall do what I can to discourage any filibuster.

Of course, it is the right of any Senator to speak as long as he wants. The majority leader and I both recognize that. I shall be very happy to try to work out a time for debate and a time for a vote. I shall be back with the majority leader on that.

Mr. BAKER. Mr. President, I am grateful to the minority leader.

Mr. President, on that, I hope to have a further statement to make on the Adelman nomination later but Senators should be advised that it is no longer the intention of the leadership on this side to try to reach the Adelman nomination on Monday.

## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Berry, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 102. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 1900.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 276a-1, as amended by Public Law 95-45, the Speaker pro tempore appoints as additional members of the delegation to attend the Conference of the Interparliamentary Union to be held in Helsinki, Finland, on April 25 through April 29, 1983, the following Members on the part of the House: Mr. HAWKINS, Mr. DE LA GARZA, Mrs. BOGGS, Ms. OAKAR, Mr. FEIGHAN, Mr. HYDE, Mr. McGRATH, Mr. BATEMAN, and Mr. BOEHLERT.

## CORRECTION IN ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 1900

Mr. BAKER. Mr. President, there apparently is a need to make a technical correction in the concurrent resolutions passed in respect to the Social Security Act Amendments of 1983. I believe this has been cleared with the minority. I shall now state the request for the consideration of the minority leader and other Senators.

I ask unanimous consent that the Senate turn to the consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 102, a concurrent resolution making technical corrections in the Social Security Act Amendments of 1983, H.R. 1900.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. BYRD. Reserving the right to object, Mr. President, I shall not object. It is my understanding that the matter has been cleared by the Finance Committee and, indeed, does constitute technical corrections.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will state the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A House concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 102) directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 1900.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the concurrent resolution is considered and agreed to.

Mr. BAKER. I move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. BYRD. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

## THE CALENDAR

Mr. BAKER. Mr. President, there are certain bills that appear to be cleared for action by unanimous consent. I inquire of the minority leader if he is in a position to similarly clear for action at this time all or any part of the following: Calendar Order No. 71, S. 809; Calendar Order 72, S. 820; Calendar Order 73, S. 967; Calendar Order No. 75, S. 589; Calendar Order No. 76, S. 808; and Calendar Order No. 77, S. 821.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I am pleased to announce to the majority

leader that these measures have been cleared on this side of the aisle. I have no objection to doing them en bloc with the understanding that they will be spread on the Record separately and that appropriate language from the committee reports, where there are committee reports, be inserted in explanation of the measures.

Mr. BAKER. I thank the minority leader.

## AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS UNDER THE FEDERAL FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT OF 1974

The bill (S. 809) to authorize appropriations under the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, and for other purposes, was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

## S. 809

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 17 of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2216) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(e) Except as otherwise specifically provided with respect to the payment of claims under section 11 of this Act, there is authorized to be appropriated an amount not to exceed—

"(1) \$14,720,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1984; and

"(2) \$15,500,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985.

The funds authorized under this subsection shall be in addition to funds authorized in any other law for research and development at the Center for Fire Research of the National Bureau of Standards."

Mr. BAKER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Record an excerpt from the report (No. 98-41), explaining the purposes of the measure.

There being no objection, the excerpt was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

## PURPOSE OF BILL

This legislation extends the authorization of the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) and the National Fire Academy (NFA) in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for 2 years at the following levels: \$14,720,000 for fiscal year 1984; and \$15,500,000 for fiscal year 1985.

## BACKGROUND AND NEEDS

In 1973 the National Fire Prevention and Control Commission issued its report, "America Burning". Subsequent to this report, the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 was enacted. This legislation created the USFA, the NFA and the Center for Fire Research in the National Bureau of Standards (NBS). In 1978, the USFA and NFA were placed under the aegis of the FEMA.

Fire is still a major cause of property damage, injury and death in the United States. Thus, while fire is considered to be primarily a State and local concern, the role of the Federal Government in the prevention and control of both residential and commercial fires remains an issue of significant national importance.